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Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90  
WC Docket No. 14-259

As a the Mayor of the City of Hulbert, I am writing this letter in support of Lake Region and its efforts to bring broadband to the Cherokee County. Broadband is critical to my community but unfortunately is not currently available to the majority our population.

Broadband is transforming lives and bringing economic development to the areas that adopt it. However, residents of the City of Hulbert and Cherokee County are being left behind, adversely impacting our communities. Hulbert and Cherokee County residents do not have access to a reliable broadband service at their homes. People are less likely to move into areas that do not provide this essential 21<sup>st</sup> century service. Our children are being forced to relocate to find job opportunities because businesses are not willing to locate where broadband is not available.

This is why I enthusiastically support Lake Region Electric Cooperative, through its subsidiary Lake Region Technology & Communications, LLC ("Lake Region")'s effort to bring broadband to our community when others have not. Lake Region has started building a fiber network to bring broadband to its member owners in Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

Broadband will empower our community, and create pathways for the younger generation to stay in this community. I urge you to grant Lake Region's application for review. Another day of delay is another day of missed opportunity for our residents.

Sincerely,

  
Shirley Teague  
Mayor